

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (New) An insulating glass unit comprising:

two glass plates opposed to each other; and

a spacer arranged between the two glass plates, said spacer being made of a thermoplastic resin composition consisting essentially of:

a thermoplastic resin (A) having a moisture vapor permeability of $1.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{cm} / (\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec} \cdot \text{Pa})$ or lower, said thermoplastic resin (A) being at least one selected from the group consisting of a low density polyethylene (LDPE) and a linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE);

at least one unvulcanized rubber (B) selected from the group consisting of a halogenated isoolefin/paraalkylstyrene copolymer and an ethylene propylene rubber;

a moisture absorbent (C); and

at least one additive selected from the group consisting of a barrier resin, a liquid rubber, an inorganic filler, a tackifier, an age inhibitor, a heat stabilizer, an antioxidant, a softening agent, a processing aid, an inorganic pigment, and an organic pigment,

wherein the weight ratio of the thermoplastic resin (A) to the unvulcanized rubber (B) is 85/15 to 15/85; and

the content of the moisture absorbent (C) is 10 to 70 parts by weight to 100 parts by weight of the total of the thermoplastic resin (A) and the unvulcanized rubber (B), and

wherein an air layer is formed by the two glass plates and the spacer of the unit.

15. (New) The insulating glass unit of claim 14, wherein the spacer also serves as a sealant and adhesive layers are arranged between the spacer and the two glass plates.

16. (New) The insulating glass unit of claim 14, further comprising a secondary seal.

17. (New) The insulating glass unit of claim 14, wherein the spacer maintains a distance between the two glass plates at a predetermined value and also serves to seal the air layer from outside air.

18. (New) The insulating glass unit of claim 15, wherein the spacer maintains a distance between the two glass plates at a predetermined value and also serves to seal the air layer from outside air.

19. (New) The insulating glass unit of claim 18, wherein a gap formed by an outer peripheral surface of the spacer, the adhesive layers, and inner surfaces of peripheral portions of the two glass plates is sealed with a secondary sealant.

20. (New - Withdrawn) A method for making the insulating glass plate unit of claim 8 comprising the steps of:

pelletizing to a pellet the thermoplastic resin composition;

molding the pelletized pellet into a spacer for an insulating glass unit; and

arranging the spacer near peripheral portions of inner surfaces of the two glass plates opposed to each other so that the air layer is formed by the two glass plates and the spacer.

21. (New - Withdrawn) The method for making the insulating glass plate unit of claim 20, wherein adhesive layers are arranged between the inner surfaces of the peripheral portions of each glass plate and the spacer.